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that of Dr. X, and in over a dozen cases it was at least 10 times as great. It seems somewhat doubtful whether the average of these three estimates could be accepted as equivalent to the consensus of medical opinion in the United States. Confidence in the estimates would have been increased if to these had been added the opinions of certain general practitioners in city and country and certain specialists in different sections of Continental United States. The estimate that alcohol is responsible for one fifth as many deaths among females as males is also somewhat rough.

A minister in New York City is reported to have stated recently from his pulpit that "liquor kills 440 out of every 1,000 every year." Until a scientific study of this important subject had been made, we were bound to have such crude estimates; but, thanks to this book, we now have an estimate which is reasonably close to the truth, and one which will at least afford a scientific basis for discussion.

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